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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	IB Docket No. 95-91
)	GEN Docket No. 90-357
)	RM No. 8610
Establishment of Rules and Policies for)	
the Digital Audio Radio Satellite Service)	
in the 2310-2360 MHz Frequency Band)	

To: The Commission

REPLY TO RESPONSE TO MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE FILED PLEADING OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO STRIKE CRACKER BARREL'S REPLY

Primosphere Limited Partnership ("Primosphere"), by its attorneys, hereby files its Reply to the Response of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. ("Cracker Barrel") filed in the above-captioned proceeding.

In its Response to Primosphere's Motion to Accept Late Filed Pleading or in the Alternative, to Strike Cracker Barrel's Reply, Cracker Barrel continues its abuse of the comment period by insisting, yet again, that it should be allowed to submit more material outside of the comment period. Primosphere made clear in its Motion that a response to the new assertions made by Cracker Barrel in its Reply was necessary because Cracker Barrel had ignored the prohibition on introducing new data in the reply comment period.¹ A Reply was needed to right the imbalance caused by Cracker Barrel's abuse of the reply comment period.

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See Motion to Accept Late Filed Pleading or in the Alternative, to Strike Cracker Barrel's Reply, filed February 28, 1996 at 2.

Cracker Barrel, however, insists on continuing this imbalance by conditioning its acquiescence to Primosphere's Motion on Cracker Barrel being allowed to "respond to Primosphere's late pleading." Presumably, Cracker Barrel would submit yet another engineering analysis, further distorting the framework of the rulemaking process. Primosphere opposes this position for the same reason it moved to strike Cracker Barrel's initial Reply: Cracker Barrel may not ignore the Commission's rules and insert into the record material to which affected parties have no chance to respond.

The Commission enforces its rules governing comments and replies in order to preserve an orderly, fair and reasoned administrative process. By introducing in the reply comment period a new technical study totally unlike the study it submitted in its Comments, Cracker Barrel upset that order. In fairness to others, the Commission must either enforce Rule 1.45 and strike the new engineering in Cracker Barrel's October 13, 1995 Reply Comments or accept Primosphere's Response. To do otherwise would allow Cracker Barrel to introduce material into this proceeding that is untested by the critical scrutiny of affected parties. The Commission relies on this type of scrutiny to ensure the integrity and reliability of the rulemaking process. Cracker Barrel has failed to demonstrate why this process should be cast aside in this proceeding.

Cracker Barrel Response, filed March 11, 1996 at 2.

For the reasons stated above, Primosphere requests that the Commission either accept its Response to Reply Comments filed by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. or, in the alternative, strike Cracker Barrel's Reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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